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Weekly Pease Perfluorochemical (PFC) Testing Program Update

Community Engagement:

- The DHHS “Frequently Asked Questions” (FAQs) document was updated on Wednesday 6/17/15, prior to the community meeting presenting the first batch of PFC test results. The FAQs and more information about PFCs and the Pease Tradeport Testing Program can be found on our website: <http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/dphs/investigation-pease.htm>.
- We presented the results of the first 98 individuals tested at a public meeting on Wednesday, 6/17/15, in conjunction with the Community Advisory Board. The presentation and video from that meeting are available on our website: <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/investigation-pease.htm>.

Testing & Reporting:

- DHHS has sent a letter to individuals tested requesting their preference of test results for just PFOS and PFOA or the panel of nine PFC results. Once we receive this information we will process their samples and report test results.
- As of 6/29/15, 68 individuals, including 38 adults and 30 children, had not yet responded regarding their reporting preference.
- Individuals are encouraged to return this information to DHHS as soon as possible or call the DHHS Public Inquiry Line at 603-271-9461, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, for more information.
- As of Friday, 6/26/15, 466 persons have submitted blood specimens for testing.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) laboratory is testing for nine PFCs, including PFOS and PFOA.
- On Wednesday June 17th, we mailed out PFC results for the first 98 participants tested who have sent back forms indicating how they want results reported to them (all nine PFC results or just PFOS and PFOA).
- Blood samples from an additional 98 participants were sent to the CDC lab last week for testing for those individuals from whom we have received back consent forms and letters.
- We plan to send additional blood samples to the CDC lab this week for testing.
- Results will be reported back to individuals as results are received.

Noteworthy Events and Meetings:

- DHHS held a webinar on Monday 6/22/15 for healthcare providers to discuss PFCs and the DHHS testing program, and to educate providers about what the science says about the effects of PFCs on people’s health. This webinar is available for viewing on our website at: <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/investigation-pease.htm>
- Any persons with questions about the testing program can call the DHHS Public Inquiry line Monday – Friday, 8:00 am–4:00 pm, at 603-271-9461.